Mrs. Beatties's Uncle Describes Scene on Night of Murder

TOM OWEN TELLS HOW MOTOR CAR TRIPENDED

First Witness for Commonwealth Gives Detailed Account of Prisoner's Conduct When He Arrived With Wife's Body at Owen Residence.

watch and that of Beattle.
"Did she return?"
"She did."

"I was."
"I was."
"With whom did she return?
"With her husband
"Was she dead or alive?"
"She was dead, sir." Witne

words slowly, and his voice trem-

With Thomas Owen, uncle of the young man's murdered bride on the stand as one of the State's leading witnesses against Henry him. Clay Beattle, Jr., yesterday morning entered upon the first day of his actual trial on the highly slaying his wife on the Midlothian Turnpike on the night of July 18. And for the first time, when his own bloody clothes he wore on the night of the murder were placed in evidence, there dawned in the eyes of the hitherto stoical indifferent boy the look of a hunted animal. The battle which will rage with Henry Beattle as the storm centre was on. Owen, thoroughly versed in the technicalities of the law and as thoroughly versed in court procedure, made an admirable witness, and was thanked for his fairness by Mr. Smith when he left the stand.

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Describes Tragic Scene.

"I heard some voice of a person of the crush was so great around the bar hat attorneys, prisoner and others bedind the bar were uncomfortably hot." Is the Commonwealth ready to proceed," inquired the court.

"Yes, your Honor."

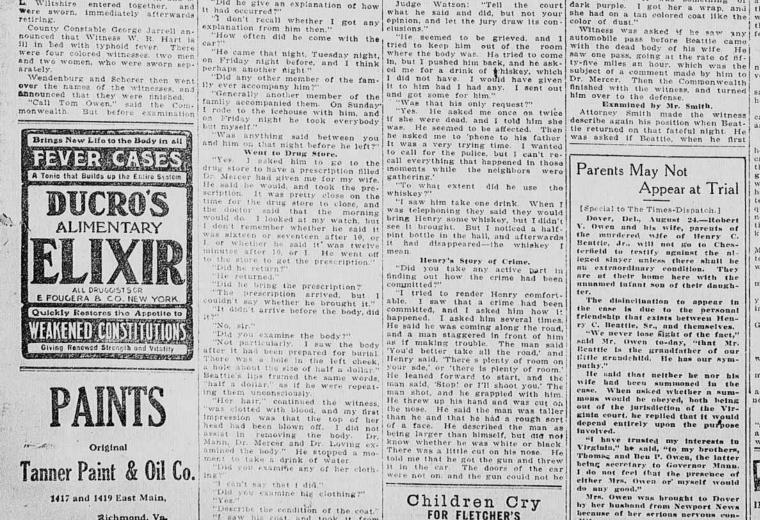
"How says counsel for the defense."

Witnesses Excluded.

"If your honor please," said Mr. Carter, rising, "before we proceed we would like to have all the witnesses excluded from the court room. But we except Mr. Scherer and Douglas Beattle."

The court consented, and ordered the roll of witnesses for the State to be called five at a time A few of the witnesses, whose presence was not necessary at the time, were absont, but the majority-was present. Tom own was the first to be sworn.

"You and each of you solemnly swear that the testimony to be given in this trial shall be the truth, the"



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'I can't say that I did."
"Did you examine his clothing?"
"Yes."

"Describe the condition of the coat."
"I saw his coat, and took it from him, and offered him one of my own.

BOYS WHO PASSED BEATTIE CAR FEW MOMENTS BEFORE KILLING



I took his coat from him and put it away to keep him from seeing it. I looked at the shirt, and saw a spot of blood on each shoulder and a spot on the tail and another on the back."
"Could you recognize the coat?"
"I think I could."

Bloody Clothes in Court.

The coat, the shirt, the trousers and a linen chair cover were taken from a cardboard box and placed in evidence. The jury looked closely, and Beattle's cyes were fastened on the telltale clothes. Everybody could see the blood spots.

"Have you any clothing of the deceased?"

"I have something of hers—a pair of her slippers." But they were not shown.

The linen chair cover and Beattle's colar and the he wore on the night of the murder were placed in evidence, and identified by Owen. The chair of the murder were placed in evidence, and identified by Owen. The chair cover was covered with blood, and witch the blood had ness explained that the blood had ness explained the relation between you ing the policice?"

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"I don't know, sir."
"We object," said Mr. Smith, and the objection was sustained.
"Where is the spot;"
"On the Midothian Turnpike."
"State to the court and jury and describe how she came back."

ladies who were kind enough to come 'Were you at the inquest?

Was Paul Beattle there "

"Yes."
"Was the accused there?"
"Yes."
"Was Green there?"
"Yes."

gun with which Mrs. Beatti-

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

found. It was not found on the first trip made to find it."

"Did Henry take any part in finding the assassin? What did he do?"

"Nothing. All he did was to describe the man."

"Is that all the aid he gave you?"

"It is all I can recall."

"Did he say anything about netifying the police?"

"No. I did that."

"What was the relation between you "Do you know what happened in th house?" asked Mr. Smith.

nim, and said that he didn't know of his own knowledge, but supposed Henry had brought it, as it turned up. Mr. Smith questioned him as to the average number of cars which pass up and down the Midlothian Turnpike. Witness replied that on Sunday sometimes seven or eight would pass at one time, but there were very few on the night of the murder. "I didn't ask about that night," said Mr. Smith sharply.
"We object," said Mr. Wendenburg. "The questions are not relevant The objection was sustained. "Did I understand you to say that

"Did I understand you to say that Beattie said something about the gun being in the car?"

do you remember that he suggested that he take the car out to look for

the gun?"
Witness didn't know, as he was

telephoning himself at the time.
"Who first suggested using blood-

"I think I did."
"Didn't you hear Beattle say 'don't spare any expense to catch the mur-

involved.

"I have trusted my interests to Virginia," he said, "to my brothers, Thomas and Ben P. Owen, the latter heing secretary to Governor Mann. I do not feel that the presence of either Mrs. Owen or myself would do any good."

Mrs. Owen was brought to Dover by her hushand from Newport News because of her serious nervous condition. MILER MEGCO.

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DOCTORS FOUND GRIT IN MRS. BEATTIE'S HAIR

Evidence Shakes Statement That She Was Killed While Sitting in Car-Husband Staggered Under Influence of Brandy--Officers Testify

Rapid progress was made in the examination of witnesses at the afternoon session. Dr. Herbert Mann, Dr. J. G. Loving, Dr. Wilbur Mercer, May Stuart, Police Sergeant John L. Wiltshire were carefully examined by the attorneys for both sides. The court ruled that a sufficient basis had not been laid for a line of questioning which the prosecution aimed at two of the physicians, and they will be recalled later in the trial.

One of the neatest technical poitts yet raised in the case was when Attorney for Mann and Loving so far mony of Drs. Mann and Loving so far as it relates to the gunshot wound as it relates to the gunshot wound sit relates to the gunshot wound were normal. There was no evidence of the shot having scattered. "From that wound would death have been instantaneous?"

mony of Drs. Mann and the skull of Mrs. Smith, charged the prisoner with having shot a certain gun, which shot did strike, penetrate and wound in and upon the face of his wife. Louise Owen Beattie. Mr. Smith secured from one of the doctors an admission that a superficial shot in the face would not be fatal.

The defense also protested against testimony tending to show that the skull of Mrs. Beattle was crushed over the right cye, the indictment only the right cye. The witness can say which court what he himself the court.

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Scherer Gives Dinner.

size of the room secured. The jury-men dined at a special table at the some other member of the with him in his car, yet the only ones there. Mrs.

there was not to wouldn't you, and there was not to work the was asked.

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"I do know of a reson, but it, hearsay. It was not as to her physical condition, and I know of nothing and color know that the purpose of the family with them. My wife was all, but could have gone." The prosecution was attempting to show that Beattle had row their last ride together, but Mr. Owen know of the standard and a letter was offered in october and the purpose of the standard and a letter was offered in october and the purpose of the standard and a letter was possible to establish."

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test against questions designed to show the angle and position of the gun to have made such a wound.

The court ruled that Dr. Mann was NGS, NEWELS, INSCOTING, K FIXTURES.

Quick Delivery, fession to make him an expert to de-

"When you arrived did Mr. Beattle display any grief?"
"We object," said Mr. Carter.
"The witness can say what Mr. Beattle said and did—not what he himself

feared might prove embarrassing before a mixed audience.

The testimony of Paul Beattie and the surrounding circumstances in regard to the purchase of the gun nave not been reached. Some reference was made to Beulah Binford, though the girl herself has not appeared as yet. The prosecution managed to get into evidence the letter offered at the inguest from Henry Beattie to Beulah Binford, inclosing \$10 for purchase of furniture.

Further evidence was adduced in the afternoon to show the amount of stimulants Henry Beattle had consumed on the night of the murder, Dr. Mercer testifying that by mistake a bottle of French brandy was given him for whiskey, and that shortly after the young man was sent staggering to his room by the doctor's advice, Later he was seen in company with a man taking a drink from a bottle behind a hedge.

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